COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

1. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring and managing a project, comprising the steps of:

breaking a current project into a plurality of tasks, wherein the status of said project is tracked on the basis of at least one task related event for each of said plurality of tasks;

setting a tasking horizon based on a predetermined time interval;

for each of said at least one task related event for each of said plurality of tasks, associating at least two predetermined verbs with said at least onethe respective task related event for each of said plurality of tasks;

for each task related event expected to occur during said tasking horizon, assigning the task corresponding with the respective task related event if said corresponding task has not yet been assigned;

receiving a respective predicted date for at least oneeach task related event expected to occur during said tasking horizon;

receiving a corresponding actual date for each task related event for which a

predicted date was received;

for each actual date received, receiving a verb associated with the respective

task related event, said received verb being one of said at least two predetermined

verbs; and

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capturing at least the predicted dates, actual dates and verbs received for each

of said task related events, and automatically updating the project status in real time

based on the captured information, to thereby provide accurate and real time data

regarding said current project and said plurality of tasks of said project.

2. (Previously cancelled).

3. (Previously cancelled).

4. (Previously cancelled).

5. (Previously cancelled).

6. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising the step of:

computing a risk factor for at least one of said plurality of tasks based on data of at least one of said computed churn and said received verb, said data corresponding respectively to said at least one of said plurality of tasks.

7. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

comparing said plurality of tasks of said current project to a plurality of tasks of at least one past project;

extracting previously performed task completion data for said plurality of tasks for said at least one past project; and

computing an expected task completion time for at least one of said plurality of tasks of said current project based at least in part on said previously performed task completion data.

8. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

comparing said plurality of tasks of said current project to a plurality of tasks of at least one past project;

extracting at least one risk factor associated with said plurality of tasks of said at least one past project;

and computing a risk factor for at least one of said plurality of tasks for said current project based at least in part on said extracted at least one risk factor.

9. (Previously cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for monitoring and managing a project, comprising:

a management module for breaking a project into a plurality of tasks, for setting a tasking horizon and for assigning at least two verbs for at least oneeach of said plurality of tasks, associating at least two predetermined verbs with the respective task;

at least one task assignment station for receiving information of said at least one task having a task related event expected to be performed during said tasking horizon, said at least one task being among said plurality of tasks, for entering a respective predicted date for each of at least one task related event relevant to the

performance of said at least one task, for entering a respective actual date for each of

said at least one task related event, each actual date corresponding to a respective

predicted date for one task related event, and also for entering a selected one of said at

least two predetermined verbs for each actual date entered;

wherein said management module and said task assignment station are

operationally connected and wherein said management module receives predicted

dates and actual dates entered at said task assignment station; and

an automatic project updating module for capturing at least the predicted

dates, actual dates and verbs received for each of said task related events and

automatically updating the project status in real time based on the captured

information, to thereby provide accurate and real time data regarding said current

project and said plurality of tasks of said project.

11. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 1, further comprising

the step of:

computing churn for each task related event for which a predicted date and

an actual date was received, based on differences between corresponding ones of said

received predicted and actual dates relative to said tasking horizon.

12. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks can be captured automatically upon use of an electronic communication device.

13. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 12, wherein said information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks is provided via a device selected from the group consisting of a computer, a telephone, a facsimile machine, a copier machine, a laptop computer, a personal digital assistant, a cellular telephone, and a wireless telephone.

14. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 12, further comprising identifying a user upon the use of a specific device to provide information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks.

15. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 12, further comprising micro-analyzing at least one of an individual's effort, cost data, churn, work performance, task performance, contributions to said project, and contributions to a

company based on said captured information, the identification of the user, and the

specific device used to provide said information.

16. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 1, wherein

information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks is captured from at

least one of electronic mail, documents, spreadsheets, and over the internet.

17. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 1, further

comprising:

processing the captured information to generate a current task table;

accessing a look-up table containing historical data;

comparing said information in said current task table with said historical data

in said look-up table to determine whether said information of said current task table is

associated with a pre-existing project or a task within said pre-existing project; and

upon determining that said information in said current task table is

associated with one of a pre-existing project or a task within a pre-existing project,

automatically updating said pre-existing project or said task within said pre-existing

project.

18. (Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the

automatic project updating module includes a task data processing system and at least

one medium for providing data to said task data processing system.

19. (Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said

task data processing system includes

a processor database system for processing captured information and

generating a current task table, and

a look-up table containing historical information relevant to all project and

task data within said data processing system.

20. (Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said

task data processing system compares information in a generated current task table

with said historical information in said look-up table to determine whether said

information of said current task table is associated with a pre-existing project or a task

within said pre-existing project; and upon determining that said information in said

current task table is associated with one of a pre-existing project or a task within a pre-

existing project, automatically updates said pre-existing project or said task within said

pre-existing project.

21. (Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said at

least one medium includes at least one of a computer, a telephone, a facsimile machine,

a copier machine, a laptop computer, a personal digital assistant, a cellular telephone,

and a wireless telephone.

22. (Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said

automatic project updating module is capable of identifying a user upon the use of a

specific device to provide information relating to the performance of said plurality of

tasks.

23. (Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the

automatic project updating module micro-analyzes at least one of an individual's effort,

cost data, churn, work performance, task performance, contributions to said project,

and contributions to a company based on said captured information, the identification

of the user, and the specific device used to provide said information.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring and managing a project, comprising the steps of:

capturing information relating to the performance of a plurality of tasks within a project;

processing said captured information to generate a current task table;

accessing a look-up table containing historical datainformation relevant to pre-existing project and task data;

comparing said information in said current task table with said historical data information in said look-up table to determine whether said information of said current task table is associated with a pre-existing project or a task within said pre-existing project; and

upon determining that said information in said current task table is associated with one of a pre-existing project or a task within a pre-existing project, automatically updating in real time said pre-existing project or said task within said pre-existing project.

25. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 24, wherein said information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks can be captured automatically upon use of an electronic communication device.

26. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 25, wherein said information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks is provided via a device selected from the group consisting of a computer, a telephone, a facsimile machine, a copier machine, a laptop computer, a personal digital assistant, a cellular telephone, and a wireless telephone.

27. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 25, further comprising identifying a user upon the use of a specific device to provide information relating to the performance of said plurality of tasks.

28. (Previously Added) The method according to claim 27, further comprising micro-analyzing at least one of an individual's effort, cost data, churn, work performance, task performance, contributions to said project, and contributions to a

company based on said captured information, the identification of the user, and the

specific device used to provide said information.

29. (Previously Added) An automatic project updating module for

monitoring and managing a project, comprising:

at least one communication medium for providing information relating to the

performance of a plurality of tasks within a project;

a task data processing system for capturing said information relating to the

performance of said plurality of tasks provided via said at least one communication

medium, and for automatically updating the status of the project in real time, said task

data processing system including

a processor database system for processing captured information and

generating a current task table, and

a look-up table containing historical information relevant to all project

and task data within said data processing system.

30. (Previously Added) The automatic project updating module according to

claim 29, wherein said task data processing system compares information in a

generated current task table with said historical information in said look-up table to

determine whether said information of said current task table is associated with a pre-

existing project or a task within said pre-existing project; and upon determining that

said information in said current task table is associated with one of a pre-existing

project or a task within a pre-existing project, automatically updates said pre-existing

project or said task within said pre-existing project.

31. (Previously Added) The automatic project updating module according to

claim 29, wherein said at least one medium includes at least one of a computer, a

telephone, a facsimile machine, a copier machine, a laptop computer, a personal digital

assistant, a cellular telephone, and a wireless telephone.

32. (Previously Added) The automatic project updating module according to

claim 29, wherein said automatic project updating module is capable of identifying a

user upon the use of a specific device to provide information relating to the

performance of said plurality of tasks.

33. (Previously Added) The automatic project updating module according to claim 32, wherein the automatic project updating module micro-analyzes at least one of an individual's effort, cost data, churn, work performance, task performance, contributions to said project, and contributions to a company based on said captured information, the identification of the user, and the specific device used to provide said information.